# FACILITIES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

#### Giant Forest Area

#### GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See page 6 for highlights. Check page 3 and your map (back page) for picnic areas.

- Giant Forest Museum (NPS): Daily 8am-6pm through 9/3 then 8am-5pm. Explore exhibits about the amazing Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 559-565-4480.
- Family Nature Center at Beetle Rock (NPS): Daily 10am-4pm from 7/1 through 8/19. Progams and exhibits for all ages. See page 3 for a fun coupon! Near the main Giant Forest Museum parking lot.

#### **CRYSTAL CAVE** - Daily tours

This cavern is one of the highlights of the park! Tickets are **not** sold at the cave! See page 3 and the SNHA insert for details and schedule.

## Lodgepole Area

#### LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. This development is a few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map (back page). Lodgepole Village offers:

#### **INFORMATION (NPS)**

- Visitor Center: Daily 7am-6pm through 9/3, then reduced hours. Crystal Cave tickets sold 8am-4pm. Exhibits on geology & forest life; books, maps, first aid. See the new "Bears of the Sierra" movie. 1-559-565-4436.
- Wilderness Permits: Required for backcountry overnight trips. Daily 7am-3:45pm at visitor center. 1-559-565-4408.

#### **FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR)**

- Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop: Daily 8am-8pm through 9/3, then 9am-6pm. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, sandwiches, ice cream.
- Harrison Grill: Daily 8am-8pm until 9/3, then weekends only 9am-6pm. Breakfast, hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, & barbeque.
- Watchtower Deli: Daily Ham-6pm until 9/3, then closed for the season. Sandwiches, salads.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

- Lodgepole Campground (NPS): Open all year. Details on page II.
- Laundry & Showers (DNCPR): Daily 8am-8pm through 9/3, then 8am-7:45pm. Last load of laundry in 1 hour before closing. Showers 8am-7:45pm through 9/3, then 9am-5:45pm. Showers closed daily 1-3pm for cleaning.
- Post Office: Weekdays 8am-ıpm & 2-4pm. ı-559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.

#### WUKSACHI VILLAGE

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree. The center for lodging and food services in Sequoia Park.

#### FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- Dining Room: Daily 7-10am, II:30am-2:00pm & 5-10pm through 9/3. Starting 9/4: 7:30-9:30am; II:30am-2pm; 5-8:30pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. I-559-565-4070. Lounge daily 5-10pm through 9/3, then 5-9pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-8pm through 9/3, then 8am-7pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.
- Wuksachi Lodge: See page 10 for details.

**Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts** and the **National Park Foundation** have made it easy for Wuksachi Lodge guests to contribute to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Ask about the **Guest Donation Program** when you check in!

#### **WOLVERTON MEADOWS**

7200' (2160 m) elevation. This open grassy area is just 2 miles (3.2km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

• Wolverton BBQ (DNCPR): Friday-Sunday weather permitting through 9/3. All-you-can-eat barbeque, served outdoors starting at 6pm.

#### Foothills Area

500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. A land of oaks, chaparral, and river canyons, hot summers and snow-free winters, the foothills have the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is here at Ash Mountain. In addition to picnic areas (page 3), the foothills offer:

- Visitor Center (NPS): Daily 8am-6pm. Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. I-559-565-3I35.
- Potwisha Campground (NPS): Year-round. Details on page 11.

### Mineral King Area

Be aware: In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses & wiring in cars parked in upper Mineral King. Ask for information. 7800' (2380 m) elevation. This beautiful subalpine river valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (no RVs, buses, or trailers, please) has no electricity or gasoline. Mineral King offers:

- Ranger Station (NPS): Daily 8am-4pm through 9/24 (register for wilderness permits on the porch after that). A small visitor center with exhibits on area history, books, maps, local wilderness permits, first aid, & bear canisters. I-559-565-3768.
- Silver City Mountain Resort: Through 10/15. Cabins, chalets. Restaurant, bakery, showers & small store (gifts, limited supplies & ice; no gasoline or fishing licenses) 8am-8pm Thursday-Monday, Tuesday-Wednesday 8am-3pm (restaurant closed). Summer 1-559-561-3223; winter 1-805-461-3223; www.silvercityresort. com.
- Camping (NPS): No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.

## FREE NATURE PROGRAMS

This list is not complete - check bulletin boards for more! Note: No programs available on Tuesday, July 11.

## **GIANT FOREST, LODGEPOLE, DORST & WUKSACHI Programs 6/30 - 8/19; some continue into September.**

- Daily 10:30am & 4:30pm Sherman Tree Talk: Tales about the largest tree in the world! Meet at base of the tree. Plan at least 20 minutes to walk from parking lot. 30 minutes.
- **Daily 11am Moro Vistas:** Meet a ranger on top of Moro Rock. Plan at least 15 minutes to climb the historic staircase! 30 minutes.
- Daily (starting 7/1) 1pm Beetle Rock Rollick: Kids! Discover a secret about Sequoia. Activities vary daily. At Beetle Rock Education Center, next to the main Giant Forest Museum parking lot. 1 hour.
- Daily 1:30pm Bears of the Sierra: Learn about these strong, smart, yet vulnerable animals. In front of Lodgepole Visitor Center. 30 minutes.
- Daily 2:30pm Realm of Giants: Explore the world's largest trees. Meet in front of Giant Forest Museum. 1-1/2 hours.
- **Nightly Lodgepole Campfire:** Learn more about the park! Lodgepole Campground Amphitheater. 1 hour.

#### THE FOOTHILLS - Programs given through 9/4

- Daily 12:30pm At Hospital Rock: Learn about this cultural feature! 1 hour.
- Daily 5pm Picture with a Ranger: Come to the historic Sequoia Park sign carved like an Indian head & plan your visit. 30 minutes.
- Daily 10am & 3pm Ranger's Choice: 15-minute talk; Foothills Visitor Center.
- Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 8:30pm Potwisha Campfire: Meet at the campground amphitheater for family fun. 1 hour.
- Sábado / Saturday 6:30pm Caminata Crepuscular / Twilight Walk\*:

  Disfrute la frescura del atardecer en compañía de un guardaparque bilingüe,
  caminando las orillas del río Kaweah. Ofrecido en inglés y español. Se reúnen
  en el anfiteatro de Potwisha Campground, y deben traer foco. 1-1/4 hora.

  \* Explore the Kaweah River with a bilingual ranger. In English & Spanish.
  Meet at Potwisha Campfire Circle & bring a flashlight. 1-1/4 hour.

## MINERAL KING - Programs given through 9/3. Check bulletin boards for times, locations, & other details.

- Thursday & Saturday Campfire Traditions: Thursday at Silver City Resort, Saturday at ranger station amphitheater. 1 hour.
- Friday evening Night Hike or Campfire Traditions: 1 hour.
- Friday & Saturday 4pm Meet Mineral King! Fridays at Cold Springs Campground entrance, Saturdays at Atwell Mill Campground entrance. 20 minutes.
- Saturday 1:30pm Fun for Kids or Extraordinary Happenings. 1 hour.
- Sunday 10am Ranger's Choice: Atwell/Hockett trailhead parking lot. 1 hour.
- Sundays 11am-3pm Alles Cabin Open House: Check locally for dates.